

The Cougar Chronicle



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McKinney Living Magazine honors NTCA

NTCA has been recognized by McKinney Living Magazine 2009 as receiving Honorable Mention for the Best Daycare/Preschool in McKinney!



"We are so proud of our school and are pleased that the McKinney Community recognizes that we are the BEST as well," Mrs. Young said.

NTCA was featured as the cover story in McKinney Living Magazine in January.

Shoes for Orphan Souls deadline extended

The deadline for donating to the Shoes for Orphan Souls service project has been extended. You can still donate a pair of new athletic shoes and a pair of socks through Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Donations will be packed on Wednesday, Nov. 11, for Shoes for Orphan Souls, a ministry of Buckner International. The shoes and socks go to at-risk children in the United States and in orphanages around the world. Cougars are also asked to include a picture of themselves and/

or their family inside each pair of shoes.

We're asking everyone to help us reach our goal by donating one pair of shoes per family. Classes with 100 percent participation will receive a "No Uniform Tuesday."

Last year, the Cougars and their families generously gathered 50 pairs of new shoes in one week.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to teach our children that service is a vital part of our walk with Christ.

Cookie dough pick-up set for Nov. 10

Wishing you had ordered that extra tub of strawberry shortcake cookies during our recent magazine/cookie dough fundraiser? You've got one more chance!

Cookie dough that was ordered through the fundraiser will arrive on Tuesday, November 10, and we have extras of many of the items. If you would like to purchase additional items, please email Joy Beach or call the office. These items need to be sold and distributed on the delivery date.

All orders must be picked up between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10. It will arrive frozen and needs to be picked up promptly. We do not have freezers to store cookie dough that is not picked up.



Golf tournament raises \$10,000 for computer lab, library

The 4th annual Betsy Wood Memorial Golf Tournament was a huge success, raising about \$10,000 for the school! Approximately 80 golfers joined with NTCA to raise funds for the school's learning center. The weather was less than perfect but the golf games and memories were fantastic.

"The day is always a great way to showcase our school and raise the funds needed to maintain our computer lab and library," said Mrs. Young. "We are always grateful to all who participate and donate to this great event."

The amount raised by the golf tournament was approximately \$10,000, which will go a long way in helping maintain computers and software.

The NTCA elementary classes donated

baskets for the raffle held at the tournament. Thanks to all parents and teachers who donated items for the baskets. The class baskets donated were: Ladies' Spa (Mrs. Wallace's class), Tailgating (Mrs. Wallace's class), Car Wash (Mrs. Jackson's class), Fishing (Mrs. McDougald's class), Coffee Lovers (Mrs. Dooley's class), Tools (Mrs. Cristina's class), Sports (Mrs. Owens' and Mrs. Scott's classes), and Gift Cards (Mrs. Moses' class). The baskets were great and the golfers enjoyed winning them in the raffle.

We would also like to thank the many sponsors who helped make the tournament possible. Without them, the tournament could not happen. Please take a moment to look at the list of spon-

sors below and visit these businesses. They are helping NTCA in a huge way!

Golf tournament sponsors were: Academy Sports and Outdoors; Abilene Christian University; Allen Americans; Encore Event Management; Joplin's Compressor Services, Inc.; Power Lift Foundation Repair; The Colorbowl; AJ & J Agri Services; The Bearden Group; The Milstead Team; Sports Clips; Acute Kids Urgent Care; Allen Aesthetics & MediSpa; David H. McCarley, DDS; Farmersville Grain & Hardware; Elke's Market & Café; Interactive Family Health; Kaczor Milling; Stor-All; Wave Car Wash; PGA Superstore; and Insurance Services Agency. Thank you for your support!

Pumpkin Patch Fun

BELOW: Preschool students visited the Big Orange Pumpkin Patch on October 20, when the weather was perfect for taking a picture with the pumpkins. RIGHT, TOP and BOTTOM: It took two tries before the Kindergarten and Kindergarten Readiness classes made it to the pumpkin patch. The October 21 field trip was canceled because of rainy weather, but the students made up for it on November 4 with plenty of sunshine.



Cougar of the Month

Grant Fletcher was the September Cougar of the Month. He is in Mrs. Erin Owens' third-grade class.

"Grant is a kind young man. He always treats his friends with respect," Mrs. Owens said. "I often hear him encouraging and lifting up his friends, never tearing them down. What a great example to others!"

Congratulations, Grant!



Grant Fletcher

The Preschool Thanksgiving Feast is scheduled for November 19, and the Elementary Feast will be held November 20. Look for more information soon in your child's folder.



September Students of the Week

Week of August 24

KR - Peyton Willeford and Emerson Shouse
K - Averil Carlson
1st - McKeni Adkins
2nd - Lexie Santiago
3rd - Colton Leach
4th - Preston Campbell
5th/6th - Izzie Ramirez

Week of August 31

KR - Camdyn Lovelady and Bryson Johnson
K - Landree Wilson
1st - Josh Vilches

2nd - Cory Tennison
3rd - Haylee Winstead
4th - Caleb Ross
5th/6th - Garrett Kirkonnell

Week of September 8

KR - Gannon McKinnis and Daniela Morales
K - Abraham Ndofo
1st - Jackson Jones
2nd - Dylan Shaw
3rd - Tate Chaffin
4th - Amy Atkins
5th/6th - Kelsey Jones

Week of September 14

KR - Laney Abshire and Evah-Luv Mendoza
K - Dylan Ndokor
1st - Hayden Winstead
2nd - Josh Mendoza
3rd - Grant Fletcher
4th - Jacob Kilpatrick
5th/6th - Victoria Vilchez

Week of September 21

KR - Mylen Chowning and Abby Rogers
K - Caleb Chacon
1st - Zachary Kearn

2nd - Hunter Chaffin
4th - Dawson Boyle
5th/6th - Cody Mains

Week of September 28

KR - Nolan Ritchie and Emerson Shouse
K - Sierra Santiago
1st - Jackson Jones
2nd - Riley Kilpatrick
3rd - Colton Leach
4th - Clay Chapman
5th/6th - Aubrey Krizek

Celebrate Calm Set for Nov. 18

Looking for some practical tools for creating a stress-free home and school? A workshop coming to High Pointe Church of Christ can help.

The Celebrate Calm Workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 18, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and is open to parents and teachers of children of all ages. No registration is required. The workshop is free to the community thanks to the sponsorship of High

Pointe.

The workshop will help you create a calm home by eliminating yelling and arguing; improve focus, attention and behavior in school; create stress-free mornings and homework time; relieve anxiety, meltdowns, and sensory issues; and eliminate defiance and disrespect.

Learn more about the workshop at www.celebratecalm.com.

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Join Cougar P.R.I.D.E.

As our school grows it becomes vitally important and necessary for our parents to have an increased role in school events and activities. We are seeking Cougar families who have gifts, talents, skills and a little extra time to become involved in the Cougar P.R.I.D.E. Committee.

P.R.I.D.E. stands for Philanthropy, Resource, Internal Communications, Development, and Events. Each area has opportunities for volunteers.

- **Philanthropy**—Helping our students develop a giving heart and generous spirit of serving others, such as Shoes for Orphan Souls

- **Resource**—a.k.a. "fund-raising" to help keep tuition rates reasonable and provide scholarships.

- **Internal Communications**—newsletter, web site

- **Development**—Everything from developing relationships with businesses to developing programs for our students.

- **Events**— Internal events such as the book fair and external events that give our students visibility in the community.

To volunteer, contact Joy Beach at 214.544.1794 or jbeach@northtexaschristian.org.

Preparing students for life and faith through a superior scholastic, social and spiritual experience

Save the Date:

Dec. 10 — Christmas Program

Dec. 18 — Early Release Day

Dec. 21-31 — Christmas Holidays

Progress Reports, Report Cards go paperless

NTCA is going paperless with grade reports this year, so all progress reports and report cards will be distributed through email.

This year's schedule for report cards and progress reports is:

Dec. 2: Progress Reports (K-6)

Jan. 20: Report Cards (KR-6)

Feb. 18: Progress Reports (K-6)

March 31: Report Cards (KR-6)

April 28: Progress Reports (K-6)

June 2: Report Cards (KR-6)

November Lunch Volunteer Schedule

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for helping with our lunch program. If you can help with our lunches, or if you need to reschedule for any reason, please contact Theresa Winstead at 214.544.1794 or email her at twinstead@northtexaschristian.org.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 No School	3 Cirrie Martin, Colleen Haaland	4 Eve Mendoza, Linda Ndofo, Renee Hicks, Tina Tennison	5 Anndria Wilson, Marie Hoke	6 Alison Mains, Ken Dunlap, Heather Rose, Tamra Kearl
9 Jason Bartlett, Liesl Bowmann	10 Shelly Waskom, Colleen Haaland	11 Kelly Chacon, Chris Vilches, Colleen Haaland, Tina Tennison	12 Cirrie Martin, Marie Hoke, Holly Milstead	13 Alison Mains, Teresa Shaw, Sharon Dunlap, Rita Atkins
16 Jason Bartlett	17 Cirrie Martin	18 Eve Mendoza, Linda Ndofo, Renee Hicks, Tina Tennison	19 Anndria Wilson, Holly Milstead	20 Special Lunch for Thanksgiving
23	24	25	26	27
No School – Thanksgiving Holidays				
30 Jason Bartlett				